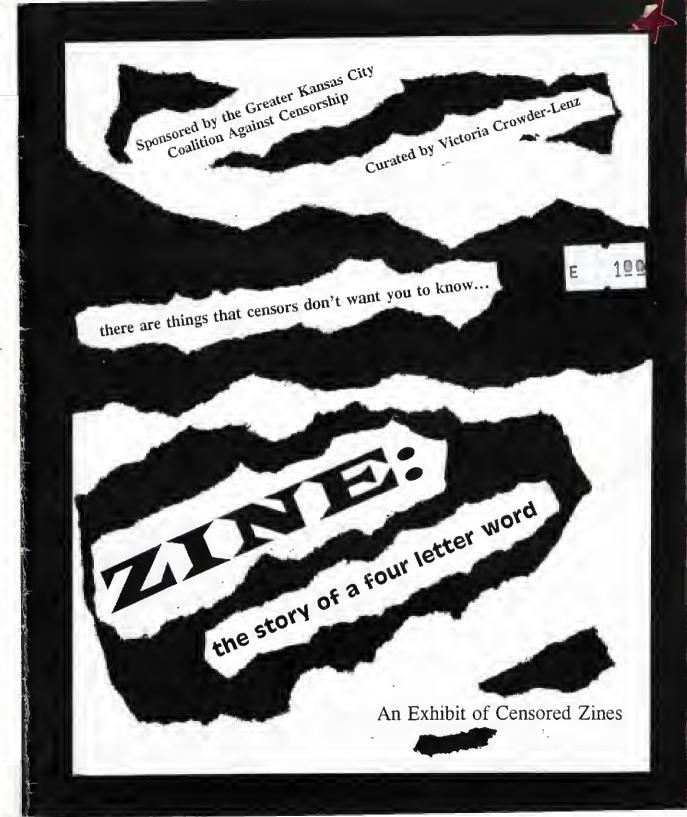
I am not foolish enough to believe that this tiny exhibit will change the world; but if one intelligent human being walks away today and considers for one minute the implications of censorship, and then shares those thoughts with another.... then I have succeeded. Victoria







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The stories contained herein represent some of the ways in which the thought police can attack the underground.
Though we believe that there is a right to the freedom of speech, we must learn from these accounts to remain vigilant against those who would quiet the marketplace of ideas. Without freedom of expression, there is no freedom. Victoria

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Margaret Sanger started the first zine in In a bold act of raising consciousness qui emancipation THE NEW FEMINISTS

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by Jason McQuinn

Columbia, MC

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interview for the Midwest Underground Media

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The aim of this paper will be to stimulate working women to think for themselves and to build up a conscious fighting character." (From Issue #1)

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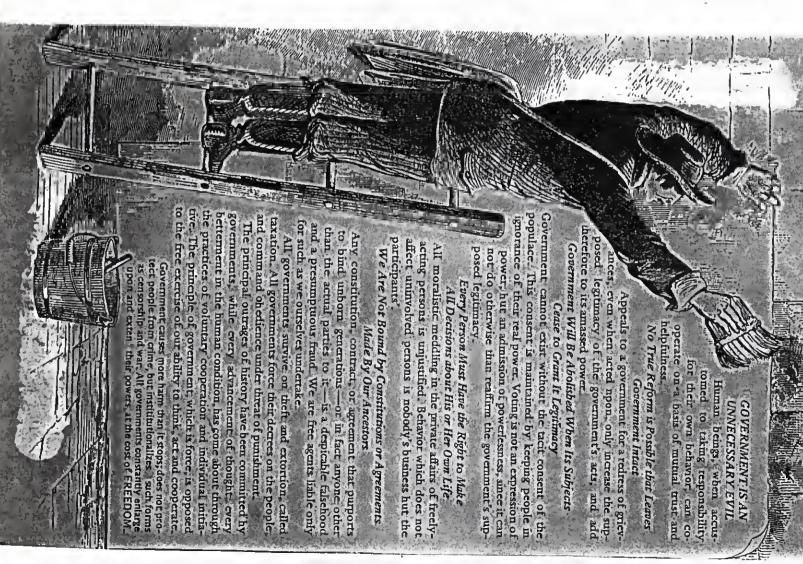
He who desires to worship God must harbar no childish illusions about the malter but bravely renounce his liberty and humanity. Bakunin

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ANARCHISM—The philosophy of a new social order based on liberty unrestricted by man-made law; the theory that all forms of government rest on violence, and are therefore wrong and harmful, as well as unnecessary.

ANARCHY—Absence of government; dishelief in, and disregard of, invasion and authority based on coercion and force; a condition of society regulated by voluntary agreement instead of government.



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More recently, bookstores such as "Goodbooks and other venues have quietly disallowed it. The result is that there is ZERO circulation in its' hometown of Bookstore" banned The Match for its critical content, Tucson-and zero in Arizona for that matter.

sense of having to remain concealed in order to foil and auto registration-otherwise he is ferreted out by of repression." He adds that he prefers the word "Underground Publication" to just "zine" in that "we really are an UNDERGROUND [publication] in the printing and circulating The Match all himself to a with a few bookstores distributing in larger cities. He bas also kept his personal pbone listing silent, and kept bis name off listings for such conveniences as utilities naysayers and faces threats and harassment. He says, "I've survived not because there is "freedom of the press", but because I've willed myself to do so IN SPITE readership of about 1700, (primarily by subscription) Woodworth survives now by typesetting,

Fred Woodworth currently keeps his and maintains bis publishing without the aid of sense of the phrase, be is a true example of what it wbereabouts known only to a handful of trusted friends, "in dispensable technology" such as computers. In every means to do-it-yourself in the face of any obstacle. attempts to stop these expressions."

amendment and are facing five years in prison on obscenity charges

charges would be dropped, or they could face prosecution for their

the publication 'Answer Me!'. The shop owners were given a choice their arrest: they could either cease and desist distribution and the

shop/bookstore were threatened with a felony count of "distribution of lewd material for profit" because they sold the graphic anti-rape issue of

The shop owners were given a choice after

In Bellingham WA, owners of a coffee

alleged violation of decency. The store owners chose the first

by Jim & Debbie Goad Portland, OR Answer Me!

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Vietnam, and "constant governmental aggressiveness against individual's rights." He eventually bad to become a printer when it became impossible to get commercial printers to print his anarchist publication Woodworth became interested in both offset lithograpby and letterpress, and now performs all production from his opposition to Nixon, the draft, the war in Fred Woodworth got the idea to start a zine in 1969 "The Match" after they were visited by the FBI. Luckily, in the TRUE spirit of do-it-yourself, operations bimself.

closing of bis PO Box, resulting in loss and confusion to subscribers; and the confiscation and destruction of an delivered); and repeated attempts to assign The Match a new PO Box number with limited forwarding of the mail (resulting in loss of communication with previous His censorship tale is a lengthy one which includes bundreds of cases of non-delivery by the U. S. Post Office (too many to be "accidental"); arbitrary entire mailing of The Match (1400 copies were never years' sources)

The Match in the card catalog and prohibition from operated newsracks were seized and destroyed by the University of Arizona after a seven-year bistory in goodstanding on campus. The order was given by past Director of the Student Union, and the machines were the University of Arizona include editorializing against In addition, distribution of The Match has crushed in a trasb compactor. Further problems with taken several bits since the '70's. Most notably 12 coin-Leaving copies in the Library Reading Room.



Boiled Angel by Mike Diana Largo, FL

The New York Times calls 'Boiled Angel Zine' "Surprisingly sophisticated".

Playboy says Mike Diana's social commentary is "Right on".

Michael Diana lives in Largo, FL. He is a self-published comic artist who believe that the culture we live in has betrayed us with violence and hatred. He is outraged that murder, rape, incest, religious fanaticism and suicide are glamourized for us by a sensationalist media seeking to entertain in the most horrific fashion. He states in a 1994 interview, "I've never wanted to get into trouble or face any big confrontations...Instead of getting angry...I go -- home and get my anger out by drawing." Mike's drawings are largely illustrations taken directly from local and national news stories including such notable "celebrity villains" as Jim Jones, John Wayne Gacy and Jeffrey Dahmer.

Unfortunately, the Largo, Florida police department didn't agree with the positive reviews of Mike's comics as they posed as "fans" of the zine to obtain copies through the mail. Prosecutor Stuart Baggish then used the zines to file obscenity charges against Michael Diana which included: Creating, advertising, and distributing material without serious literary, scientific, artistic or political value. It took a conservative jury just 90 minutes to find Diana guilty, while a mob carrying signs reading "Down With Diana" picketed outside the courthouse.

Though the press largely ignored this crucial first amendment case, the guilty verdict made history on March 28, 1993 as the first conviction of an artist for the mere act of drawing pictures. Additionally, the sentence imposed on Diana was newsworthy in its harshness. It read as follows:

and a publisher in the local right-wing Journal.

Kulter Zwischendurch by Revolutionary Brewery Vienna, Austria

The Revolutionsbraubof (Revolutionary Brewery) was created in 1986 and is essentially an anarchist collective. The collective is centered around a small bookstore with a printing operation. Currently, the RB prints a variety of small pamphlets and two regular agitation pamphlets; the Kulter Zwischendurch (Culture In-Between), and Die Schwarze Distel (The Black Thistle). Both are free and distributed in the thousands. A great deal of time is spent preparing literature, but RB also organizes or participates in various demonstration-actions. (For example, they produce a feed-the-homeless political action at Christmas time in the main metro station in Vienna).

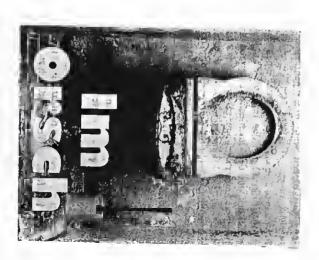
unfortunately, a member of the Christian Democrats computers, and used membership lists to pinpoint home was that the police searched the bookstore, seized all the The prosecutor assigned to the case against us addresses of our members, which led to house searches. The result of all this slandering and misrepresentation trip to the bookstore would have illuminated the reporters claim "unbiased, neutral reporting", a simple advocating violent action! Though the Blue Light Revolutionary Brewery's true non-violent objectives. accused RB of everything up to and including our model with a mix of neoliberal capitalism. Articles journal Das Blaulicht (The Blue Light). They falsely (both true and false) began to appear in the FPO police extremist rigbt-wing group FPO (Freedom Party) led by Jorg Haider whose philosophy is based on the Nazi was undoubtedly motivated by bis involvement with the posters hung at the University of Vienna. Gintersdorfer Revolutionary Brewery collective based on some RB Gintersdorfer ordered a police investigation into the a member of the Vienna City parliament named Lothar circulated in the Press. One month after the bombing, accusations of radical-left involvement were immediately Vienna. Even though the bombing itself is unexplained, april of 1995, two men were killed by their own bomb the collective dates back to 1995 and is still going on. In wbile attempting to blow up a power station outside of The most interesting case of censorship against

The Revolutionary Brewery bas been charged with the following:

- 1) Founding an organization that is against the state. This is the first time that this law has been used since 1945, when it was a tool of Nazi, Germany.
- 2) Founding a criminal organization
- 3) Calling for criminal acts
- 4) Ridiculing the state and its symbols

So far, the police investigation has found nothing, but they continue to barass the collective. Note from the Revolutionary Brewery: "It's key to realize that as workers' rights and the

"It's key to realize that as workers' rights and the standard of living decline, it's becoming easier for right-wing radicals to scapegoat for eigners, minorities, and miscellaneous other "bad guys". The outcome of all this will depend greatly on what is done to challenge the growing power of the right-wing."



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psychological testing (at his own expense) Diana must remain a minimum ten feet 1300 hours community service Ethics in Journalism classes

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police the right to conduct warrantless searches of followed, Judge Walter Fullerton gave Largo COMPLETE PROHIBITON from drawing or creating anything that could be deemed without "serious literary, artistic, scientific, or political value". And to ensure that the above orders were Diana's home at any time without prior notice. away from anyone under age 18.

his publisher Michael Hunt comies in Bellingham He and his legal team are now preparing to take his case to the Supreme Court to defend his right In spite of support from both the underground, IL, and the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund, Mike Diana lost his last appeal in July of 1997. to draw pictures in the United States of America.



obscenity over three years ago (For his Comix Boiled Angell . lost his final state appeal in January of this year. The court wants him to begin serving a three year prison sentence. We have begun the appeals process for the U.S. Supreme Mike Diana, the Florida artist convlcted of Court, but only time will tell if art can really



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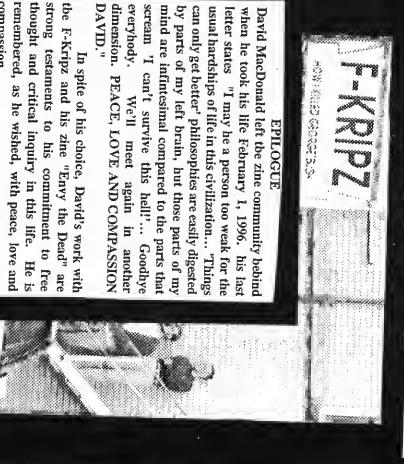
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Note from Victoria: remembered, as he wished, with peace, love and thought and critical inquiry in this life. He is strong testaments to his commitment to free compassion.

every single day. are dedicated to David MacDonald. I miss him say that he was both a friend and a mentor This zine, the exhibit, and my zine 'Cynical Soul' doesn't do justice to the connection that we bad. chaos which engulfed me after David's death. To letter word" was created in the wake of grief and The exhibit "ZINE: the story of a four





HOW I KILLED GEORGE BUSH

in Hell bunny, is slugging that smug Trix cereal rabbit, Publisher Noel Tolentino thought it was the perfect cover issue of his zine Bunnyhop, a symbol of the alternative

to illustrate the "geeks vs. jocks" theme of the premiere

26-year old Tolentino sniffed out Groening's "personal" PO Box, then sent him a copy of the Binky/Trix cover with a letter gushing. "I thought you'd get a kick out of it." The cick came a few months later, when TOLENTINO WAS SERVED WITH A CEASE AND DESIST LETTER ORDERING HIM TO DESTROY ALL THE REMAINING COPIES AND PRINT A PRE-APPROVED APOLOGY IN

nation. A devoted fan of Matt Groening, Binky's creator.

Kansas City home by two Secret Service agents Killed George Bush". After ten or fifteen minutes arrest him. They agreed to leave, hut promised to MacDonald was detained and questioned in his Service Jeopardy", he told the agents he had nothing else to say and asked them to leave or In the Spring of 1992, UMKC debater David ifter they were made aware of his song "How I minutes of what MacDonald described as "Secret

eturn with a search warrant-which was, luckily

produced cassette of the same title. In addition to LSD as a venue for expanding consciousness, the and witty repartee. Most striking to anyone performed the song in question on their first selfthe play-by-play asassination track which defiantly the songs include "Elle Susan D" which advocates anarchists", and other which use a catchy hip-hop commentary, philosophy, religio-political humor amiliar with MacDonald's history will he the seamless incorporation of UMKC debate arguments into wacky lyrical musings! This thinking of a national dehate champion (as significantly... In all censorship matters this unwittingly kick itself (by attracting attention to MacDonald and longtime friend Andrew Knighton created the rap group F-Kripz and 'F-Kripz Antbem" introducing the "oral format over experimental sound hytes to propel be listener through a cavalacade of social backlash always occurs. The government seems to stands as a testament to the monomaniacal states "the Sedition Act don't mean shit to me!" MacDonald was). In an interview about his FBI attention, MacDonald had this to say, "As a result of the attention, sales of the tape increased the very thing it seeks to oppress).".

F-Kripz went on to produce other tapes growth including "Concentration Camp Muzak" and "Envy the Dead" (which is also the title of which demonstrated both their musical and lyrical MacDonald's zine).

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To be fair, copyright holders must prove that

"Black Bart" T-shirts swept the streets, telling a his longstanding devotion to his fans, your abuse of his "Given the well-known generosity of our client and Washington Post reporter that he was "flattered" if filled would not have approved." the epistle lays a curious guilt shedding many tears in 1990 when a wave of unauthorized with "mixed feelings," He even spoke admirably of kids who "send in their pictures of Bart beating up other cartoon creative work is particularly hurtful." Groening wasn't characters." Apparently, Binky doesn't deserve the same

Tolentino hopes that the legal action was only the maybe the oompah-loompah helpers who do the devil's work saw it and passed it to the lawyers," Tolentino's previous zine. Waffle, featured a parody of Sonic Youth's Goo albun art, with Ren & Stimpy filling in for the original couple. "Lee Ranaldo saw it and said, "Wow, this idea of overeager lawyers: "Groening gets so much mail, is the greatest parody I've seen yet," Tolentino says. Picture this: a deranged Binky, the usually cowering Life

Members of Negativland, recognizing elements of their own sampling/copyright battles with U2 and Casey Tolentino had already complied with the letter: HE TRIMMED THE COVERS OF HUNDREDS OF BUNNYHOP COPIES - ESSENTIALL Y DECAPITATING BINKY-AND MAILED THE HEADS TO GROENING'S Kasem, called Tolentino with info on pro bono legal help, but it was too late. too broke to hire a lawyer and fight, LAWYERS.

"It's not like I'm a Tijuana sweatshop worker who's

"I felt shocked and betrayed," Tolentino says.

making bootleg Bart Simpson shirts! I thought we were

which makes it a parody within fair use, kinda like a

political cartoon." Though Binky was only slightly altered.

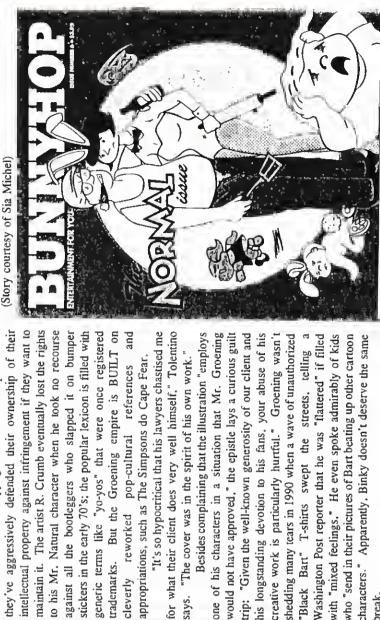
Tolentino argues, you would "never mistake the cover for

a Matt Groening work-or a box of cereal, for that matter.

(Groening's lawyers did not return calls.)

using copyrighted characters in a recontextualized setting,

Undaunted, Tolentino parodied both Bill Keane's Family Circus cartoon and the Playboy logo on his newest issue. "I had to stand my ground on issues of artistic freedom and expression," he says. And Bunnyhop's appropriation has already been appropriated: Stores on Haight Street are selling T-shirts bearing the infamous cover art--Binky's head intact!!



"The cover was in the spirit of his own work."

appropriations, such as The Simpsons do Cape Fear.

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Playboy parody. Cover of Bunnyhop #

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